

## **Handle Extender**

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### **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A luggage item attachment comprising, in combination:

a rigid and solid main body made of hardened plastic or composite, molded to be fitted with a handle gripping surface on one end and molded with a forked end on the opposite side of the main body, and predrilled holes on the main body inside the handle area and forked end for mounting connection clasps;

three permanently attached connection clasps, two inside the handle end of the main body and the third near the forked end of the main body;

two flat, elongated, and flexible straps, each permanently attached to a connection clasp by one strap end with the other strap end loose, one attached on the clasp near the handle end of the main body and the other to the clasp at the forked end of the main body, and each strap having permanently attached self-adhesives on the mid and end sections of the strap itself; and

a gripping surface on one end of this device, either molded for ergonomic gripping purposes, as in the contour of a hand, or fitted with a rubberized or plastic gripping surface.

2. The luggage item attachment as in claim 1 where the device is attached by:

placing the forked end against the outer distal member of a telescopic handle assembly of a wheeled luggage item, wrapping the strap next to the forked end around the same distal member, threading it through the third connection clasp next to the handle and securing it to itself by aligning the self-adhesive material;

wrapping the second strap end around the permanent handle grip of the luggage item handle assembly until tight, and then securing it to itself by aligning the self-adhesive material.

3. A luggage item attachment as in claim 2 where the device can be securely fastened to the telescopic handle assembly of a wheeled luggage item so that it can be used on either the left or right side of the luggage item to provide extra lateral clearance between the wheeled luggage item and the right or left-handed user's body, respectively.

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4. A luggage item attachment as in claim 2 where the device will withstand the load and distributed weight of the wheeled luggage item while in use, will have minimal slippage, and will not jeopardize the structural integrity of the device or luggage item.
5. A luggage item attachment as in claim 2 where the device fits securely to telescopic handle assemblies or distal telescopic members of varying widths.
6. A luggage item attachment comprising, in combination:
  - a rigid and solid main body made of hardened plastic or composite, molded to be fitted with a handle gripping surface on one end and molded with a forked end on the opposite side of the main body, and predrilled holes on the main body inside the handle area and forked end for mounting connection clasps;
  - three permanently attached connection clasps, two inside the handle end of the main body and the third near the forked end of the main body;
  - two flat, elongated, and flexible straps, each permanently attached to a connection clasp by one strap end with the other strap end loose, one attached on the clasp near the handle end of the main body and the other to the clasp at the forked end of the main body, and each strap having permanently attached self-adhesives on the mid and end sections of the strap itself;
  - a gripping surface on one end of this device, either molded for ergonomic gripping purposes, as in the contour of a hand, or fitted with a rubberized or plastic gripping surface;
  - a luggage item that is attached to a telescopic handle assembly of a wheeled luggage item by placing the forked end against the outer distal member of a telescopic handle assembly of a wheeled luggage item, wrapping the strap next to the forked end around the same distal member, threading it through the third connection clasp next to the handle and securing it to itself by aligning the self-adhesive material, wrapping the second strap end around the permanent handle grip of the luggage item handle assembly until tight, and then securing it to itself by aligning the self-adhesive material;
  - a luggage item attachment that, when securely fastened to the telescopic handle assembly of a wheeled luggage item, can be used on either the left or right side of the luggage item to provide extra lateral clearance between the wheeled luggage item and the right or left-handed user's body, respectively;

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- a luggage item attachment that, when securely fastened to the telescopic handle assembly of a wheeled luggage item, will withstand the load and distributed weight of the wheeled luggage item while in use, will have minimal slippage, and will not jeopardize the structural integrity of the device or luggage item; and
- a luggage item attachment that will fit securely to telescopic handle assemblies or distal telescopic members of varying widths.